

SKI CLUB INTERNATIONAL DE GENÈVE

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Magic in the Mountains: Grossmutterloch & Gruyères Christmas Weekend

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Kick off your holiday season with a touch of magic and a dash of adventure! This year, we are heading to the jagged peaks of the Gastlosen for a very special, nature-dependent quest.

☀️ The Quest: Deep in the Gastlosen mountain range lies a natural hole in the rock—the *Grossmutterloch*. For a few fleeting days in winter, the sun aligns perfectly to shoot a beam of light through the rock face. If Mother Nature gifts us clear skies, we will witness this spectacular "natural Christmas light." *Note: This phenomenon is rare and weather-dependent! We will keep our schedule flexible and chase the sun if it shines.*

🚆 Saturday: Choose Your Adventure We will take an early train from Geneva to catch the morning solar window. After our quest to see the light, the mountain is ours:

- **Snowshoeing:** Join me for a scenic trek through the winter wonderland of Jaun.
- **Downhill Skiing:** Prefer the pistes? Join my co-lead Scott Spence for some great runs on the jagged slopes of the "Swiss Dolomites."
- **Sledding:** Feel like a kid again? You can opt to ride the famous 6km sled run!

🌙 Saturday Evening: Christmas in Gruyères As the sun sets, we will head to the medieval town of Gruyères. We'll warm up with *vin chaud* and wander the enchanting Christmas Market in the heart of the old town—the perfect setting to get into the festive spirit.

❄️ Sunday Extension (Optional) Extend the holiday cheer by booking a night nearby! If clouds blocked us on Saturday, Sunday morning gives us a **second chance** to catch the *Grossmutterloch* sunbeam. Then, you can choose your pace in Charmey: head up to **Vounetse (1626m)** for more skiing, sledding, and snowshoeing, or—for those who prefer a **quieter time**—soak up some culture at the Charmey Museum before relaxing in the steaming outdoor pools of the **Bains de la Gruyère**.

Come for the sunbeam, stay for the snow, and celebrate the season with the SCIG!

